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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the IDS filed on 8/11/04 & 8/13/04 and Fomal Drawings filed on 4/3/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2, 4, 7-17, 26-28, 32-40, 49, 51-63, and 66-86 which are now renumbered as claims 1-14, 17-33, 35, 34, 38-55, 15, 16, 36, 37, 56, 57, and 58-61, respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 8/11/03 & 8/13/03  
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material  
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment  
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  
9. ☒ Other ATTACHMENT.

  
**DON N. VO  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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ATTACHMENT:

***Drawings***

1. The Formal Drawings were received on 4/3/03. These drawings are acceptable by the examiner.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DON N. VO whose telephone number is (571) 272-3018. The examiner can normally be reached on TUE - FRI (9:00-6:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MOHAMMAD GHAYOUR can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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